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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Cottbus

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

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PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 16 April 1953, 30 T-44 tanks, 30 JSU-122 guns and 33 JS tanks were loaded at the Cottbus railroad station toward Peitz. Between 17 and 23 April, SP guns were seen driving from Spremberg toward Peitz. Two VP troop trains passed through Cottbus between 17 and 23 April. [REDACTED] exercises had been held near Tauern.

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2. At about 1 p.m. on 20 April, 1 T-34/85 tank [REDACTED] and 1 heavy SP gun were detrained at the Cottbus freight station. The troops from the Funker Kaserne in Cottbus moved out of the installation [REDACTED] proceeding by road, during the night of 20 April. A rear detail of about 50 men remained at the installation. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen in traffic to and from the barracks installation.

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On 20 April, the Alvensleben Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail of about 60 men. On 20 April, the Sachsendorf Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. [REDACTED]

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On 20 April, the Hermann Loens Kaserne was occupied to capacity. There was intensive vehicular traffic. Baggage was loaded at the railroad station. [REDACTED]

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The Dissenchen Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity on 20 April. No training activity and vehicular traffic were noticed.

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Comment. Confirmatory information from Weisswasser and Lieberose indicated that the units of the 9th Mecz Div. did not depart, as usual, for Weisswasser but for the new training area of the division in Forst Tauer, southeast of Lieberose.

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